

## TERMS DEFENSE PLAN "WHOLLY INADEQUATE"

Henry A. Wise Wood Urges Rejection of the Administration's Program.

PORTLAND, Me., November 6.—Henry A. Wise Wood of New York, a member of the naval advisory board, in a formal statement issued here as chairman of the conference committee on naval preparedness, advocates rejection of President Wilson's naval and military proposals "as wholly insufficient."

Mr. Wood came to Portland to address a meeting called to discuss plans for the establishment of an aerial coast patrol station at Casco bay.

Urges Rejection of Plan.

"In the name of the defense movement," the statement read, "I unhesitatingly call for the rejection of the naval and military proposals of the President as wholly insufficient to give us that degree of protection which insures peace. In this critical hour of world unrest it would be the supremacy of folly did America permit itself to remain weaker in sea power than the nation that is causing it to rearm at all."

Second in Naval Power.

"Therefore, the defense movement holds

it vital to the preservation of the sovereignty of this nation that we shall at once be taken to restore America to the position of second naval power, from which, through the unwisdom of weak advisers, it was permitted to fall, and that the military plans adopted shall be of the same standard of the army, not of the civilian Secretary of War."

Given to Connecticut Solons in Appreciation of Killing of Competing Charter.

NEW YORK, November 6.—"A little dinner" given by John M. Hall, former president of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad, to the railroad committee of the lower house of the Connecticut legislature, figured in the testimony introduced by the government at the trial of the eleven former directors of the New Haven road charged with violation of the Sherman anti-trust law. The dinner was given, according to a letter written by Hall, as the culmination of political activities in the name of the New Haven, which resulted in the failure of a Connecticut trolley company to obtain a charter to build a line paralleling the New Haven. It was the Montville line, running from Groton to Norwich, Conn.

"I went over to the capitol," Hall wrote, Nov. 8, 1907, to E. C. Robinson, a New Haven director, "and found the railroad committee had resurrected the Montville line. I was at the time a senator. As I was all alone, I had to fly around among the senators and get them to rebury it. The next day we gave the committee afterward at the Hartford Club, they seemed well pleased to rebury it. I had to show them some of them will be back again in a few years hence, I thought it was well to show them that the New Haven is not a threat to the capitol."

This and other letters written by Hall to obtain legislation to defeat the charter were put in by the government, according to R. L. Bates of its counsel, to show the "illegitimate means or any means" employed by the New Haven to thwart competition.

INCENDIARY BOMB BLAMED FOR FIRE ON BRITISH SHIP

Flames on Sugar-Laden Rio Lages, Now at Halifax, N. S., Are Virtually Extinguished.

HALIFAX, N. S., November 6.—The sugar-laden British steamer Rio Lages put in here late last night with the flames still smoldering. The fire was caused by an incendiary bomb, according to a statement today by Capt. Bell of the steamer. The fire now is virtually out after having been fought with steam and water continuously since it was discovered early Thursday, the fourth day out from New York.

Capt. Bell said the cargo, which was consigned to the British sugar commission at Queenstown, had been loaded by Austrian and German stevedores at Yonkers, N. Y., and that there was ample opportunity for a spy to place an incendiary bomb in the cargo. He added that the spontaneous combustion of such a cargo as his vessel carried was almost unknown.

MR. WILSON APPROVES AERIAL COAST PATROL

Movement by Private Citizens at Portland, Me., for Inauguration of System Indorsed.

President Wilson has approved of the movement started in Portland, Me., for the inauguration of a system of aerial coast patrols along the coast lines of the United States. The movement has been started by private individuals, who propose to place their service at the disposal of the federal government in time of war.

The President was informed by the Portland Chamber of Commerce that it had appointed a committee representing the cities of Portland, Bangor, Waterville, Augusta, Brunswick, Bath and Lewiston to raise \$10,000 to purchase a hydroplane and the necessary equipment for an aerial coast patrol to cover the coast from Portsmouth to the mouth of the Penobscot river.

Essential for National Defense.

It was suggested that such a patrol was essential for national defense, and that the step taken in Maine might serve to encourage similar action by other states throughout the entire coast line should be protected.

The President sent the following telegram to the president of the Portland chamber:

"I join with the Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Navy in feeling a very great interest in the development of the aeroplane service in this country, and in hoping that your citizens will meet with entire success in their interesting undertaking."

HOLDS PUBLIC TO BLAME FOR OVERWORKING GIRLS

Can Aid "Needle Trades" Employees by Doing All Its Shopping Early, Consumers' League Is Told.

CLEVELAND, November 6.—That most of the November shopping, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday, are expected to be delivered by Saturday night was given by Dr. Susan Kingsbury of Bryn Mawr College, in an address to the National Consumers' League convention, as one of the chief reasons why girls employed in the "needle trades" millinery and dressmaking, often are overworked and made to work long hours.

"The general public is responsible for conditions prevailing in trades which have short seasons and long weeks of work during busy seasons," said Dr. Kingsbury.

"Women and members of the Consumers League, especially, should order their clothing, hats and other necessities in advance, so as to keep the industry from being overworked in operation steadily throughout the year. Learn to do not only your Christmas shopping, but all your shopping, early."

Other speakers were: Mrs. Harry Buck, secretary of the Consumers' League of Missouri; Miss Mary C. Higgins, chairman of the label committee in Massachusetts; and Mrs. Charles Chassey of Cleveland, commissioner of the bureau of housing.

The convention closed with a public meeting, at which Miss Julia C. LaThrop, chief of the federal children's bureau, and Rev. John A. Ryan of the Catholic University of Washington were the speakers.

Cotton Favored by Weather.

Warm weather in the southern states during October greatly favored the development of late cotton, and over the northern districts great improvement was noted, declares the national weather and crop bulletin just issued. Cotton-picking progressed rapidly in practically all portions of the belt, and is about completed in the southern portions.

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